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ARRAY AND METHOD OF  
MAKING IT

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,474,796
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,013,789
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,083,763
  
- (4) WO 00/34523
- (5) WO 00/47767

The above documents were cited in a Search Report dated January 2, 2004 for a counterpart European application and may be relevant for the reasons cited therein. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

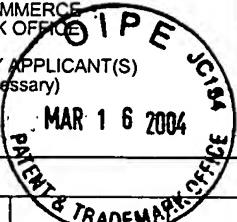
Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,474,796	12/12/95	Brennan	427	2.13	
	6,013,789	01/11/00	Rampal	536	25.3	
	6,083,763	07/04/00	Balch	436	518	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	00/34523	06/15/00	WO			
	00/47767	08/17/00	WO			

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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